



# Corvallis Police Department

*Working In Partnership with the Community...*

## **Fiscal Year 2001-02 Annual Report**

[www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cpd](http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cpd)



*Evidence Specialist Debra Joy Hales*



*Community Police Officers Nick Hurley and Kyle Voll*

## **Mission Statement**

**O**ur mission is to enhance community livability by working in partnership with you to: promote public safety and crime prevention through education and enforcement; maintain the public order while preserving the legal rights of all individuals; provide effective, efficient and courteous service; and reduce the impact of crime.



*Parking Enforcement Officers Judy Kachel  
and Sandi Campbell*

## **What's Inside**

Message from the Chief	2
Neighborhood Traffic Safety	3
Crime Prevention	4
School Resource Officers	4
REVIVE	5
Join the Police Auxiliary	5
Spotlight on Animal Control	6
Citizen Attitude Survey Results	6
Fighting Computer Crime	7

# Message from the Chief of Police

**O**n the morning of September 11, 2001, we awakened to a world forever changed — changed by the threat to our way of life and the recognition of our own vulnerability — **and changed by a reawakening of community and compassion.** As we remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of others, let us strive to build upon their selflessness with patience, perseverance and our individual contributions to peace and justice.

Since 1993, the Corvallis Police Department has subscribed to a community policing philosophy that emphasizes community partnerships, collaborative problem-solving and preservation of individual rights and freedoms. This year we worked closely with the FBI, State Office of Homeland Security and regional law enforcement agencies to increase domestic security by assisting with the FBI regional anti-terrorism task force and implementing the Homeland Security Alert System that enables improved communication between Federal, State and local agencies on issues of national security. An intensified focus was also placed on neighborhood problem-solving and crime prevention.

In 2001, major crime in Corvallis dropped 3.4% with most notable decreases in residential burglary (down 27%)

and business/nonresidential burglary (down 50%). At the same time, overall major crime clearance increased by 2.5% and arrests for all classes of crime increased 17%. Traffic safety gains were also achieved for the fifth consecutive year with an 8% decrease in traffic collisions city-wide. Finally, crime prevention efforts were expanded bringing a total of 3896 residents (29% increase) into the crime prevention volunteer network.

As a state and nationally accredited agency, the Corvallis Police Department ranks in the top 1% of police agencies in the United States with demonstrated performance consistent with 436 standards of police excellence. This commitment to excellence is reflected in sound customer satisfaction ratings and performance benchmarks which indicate high value for the community's investment in Police Department services.

## *Among our most significant accomplishments in 2001-02, we:*

- Upgraded the 9-1-1 Emergency Communication System including installation of the E 9-1-1 Wireless Mapping System enabling immediate identification of cellular calls for help, replacement of an antiquated 9-1-1 radio infrastructure with digital base station radios, and acquisition of an additional police radio channel to better handle the high volume of police



radio transmissions.

- Implemented an officer liaison program to work more closely throughout the school year with Oregon State University students, Greek Life and other living groups in resolving neighborhood conflicts.
- Connected the Philomath Police Department to the regional police records management system enabling each police agency in Benton County to fully share criminal justice information.
- Recruited volunteers to carry-on crime prevention efforts including the citizen police academy, REVIVE, and National Night Out and other core crime prevention services previously coordinated by staff.
- Adjusted to declining resources by implementing Council adopted service reductions including Monday business office closure; elimination of crime prevention and neighborhood liaison staff; reduction of one school resource officer; and transfer of crime prevention program delivery to community volunteers.

The men and women of the Corvallis Police Department serve you with pride and integrity. We are committed to providing you excellent service and working together to maintain a safe and liveable Corvallis

## Security Measures in Place

**T**he last year has raised awareness and consciousness about terrorism activities in all forms in communities across the country. Since September 11, 2001, Corvallis Police Department investigators have been working closely with the FBI to track down leads in the criminal investigation of possible terrorist activity. A captain, a lieutenant and an officer have also been assigned to the FBI's regional joint anti-

terrorism workgroup and receive regular security alerts from the Office of Homeland Security. In coordination with the Oregon and Benton County Emergency Management Offices, we have developed emergency procedures for dealing with biological and chemical threats in our community. Keeping Corvallis safe is always our top priority and we will continue to work pro-actively for the safety of all our citizens.

### Quiz Question

**Community Policing is:**

- a. a public relations program
- b. a policing philosophy built on partnerships and problem solving
- c. use of bicycle and foot patrol to suppress crime

Answer: b

## Neighborhood Traffic Safety — Our Priority

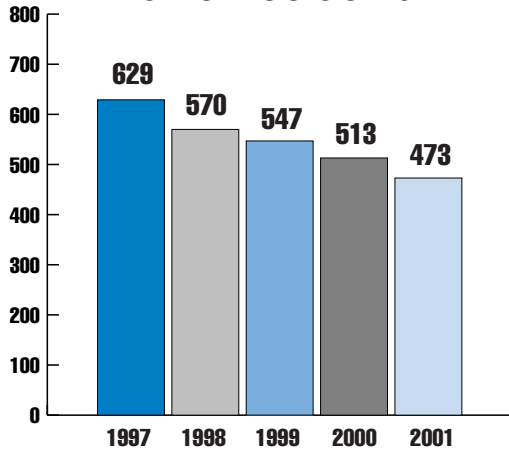
**R**educing traffic accidents and neighborhood speed reduction have again been top priorities for our traffic safety program this year. Overall, accidents city-wide were down 8% from last year, and down 25% since implementation of the traffic enforcement team in 1997. The top ten most dangerous intersections in Corvallis in FY 2001-02 were:

- NW 9th St. and Harrison Blvd.
- NW 9th St. and Van Buren Ave.
- SW 4th St. and Harrison Blvd.
- SW Philomath Blvd. and 35th St.
- NW 3rd and Harrison Blvd.
- NW 3rd and Van Buren Ave.
- NW Circle and Hwy 99W
- NW Circle and 9th St.
- NW Monroe and 14th St.
- NW 9th St. and Buchanan Ave.



Officer Kevin Bethel

### Traffic Accidents



The Police and Public Works Departments continue to collaborate on efforts to increase neighborhood safety through both speed reduction and traffic calming, such as installation of speed bumps. For more information on directed traffic enforcement call Lieutenant Tim Brewer at (541) 766-6924. For more information on traffic calming call Public Works Director Steve Rogers at (541) 766-6916.

## Data Collection Continues...

**S**ince March of 2001, our officers have been collecting 17 points of information on every investigatory stop made. This data will now be analyzed by a sub-committee of the Community Policing Forum, our Citizen Advisory Board. We look forward to completion of the first data analysis later this year as we continue to maintain an open and positive relationship with the citizens of Corvallis. For additional information please call Chief Pam Roskowski at (541) 766-6925.

## Speed Reader Board

**I**f you want to reduce speeding in your neighborhood, the speed reader board can help! As part of our traffic management program you can request the speed reader board be placed in your neighborhood to remind residents to be mindful of their speed. This is another way neighbors and the Police Department can work together to increase safety. For more information, please call Lieutenant Tim Brewer at (541) 766-6924.

## Corvallis Police Department Facts

	2001	2000	% change
Major Felony Crimes	2,267	2,346	-3%
Incidents Investigated	22,036	22,773	-3%
Total Arrests	3,987	3,405	17%
Juvenile Arrests	248	446	-44%
Public Safety Dispatches	35,425	35,753	-1%
9-1-1 Phone Calls	124,721	134,309	-7%
Traffic Violations Cited	10,088	11,304	-11%
Traffic Accidents	473	513	-8%
Parking Citations	19,346	22,897	-16%
Neighborhood Watch Groups	197	148	33%
Business Watch Groups	335	333	1%
Volunteers*	3,896	3,021	29%

\* Includes Neighborhood Watch members





## School Resource Officers



*School Resource Officer Karin Stauder*

**Y**ou may have seen School Resource Officers (SROs) Karin Stauder, Kevin Bethel and Luther Maclean in your child's school this year. SROs are an important part of our crime prevention and relationship building with students. Our continued partnership with the 509J School District allows us to provide support to all local public schools as well as the Center for Alternative Learning and the Children's Farm Home.

SROs provide educational presentations and work with students, parents and staff to resolve conflicts and solve problems as well as investigating criminal complaints. This year, the SROs provided over 500 presentations to students, conducted over 380 diversion interventions and investigated over 40 criminal complaints. Students and parents are encouraged to contact our SROs for information and assistance. For more information on the SRO program, please call Captain Bob Deutsch at (541) 766-6786.

## Crime Prevention — "Together We Do Make A Difference"

**P**reventing crime is a mutual responsibility between the citizens of Corvallis and the police department. This year a new Watch group, "First Watch" was developed through the innovative efforts of crime prevention staff.

The name First Watch was derived from the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. The emphasis of First Watch is to educate faith based organizations on the types of crime which may be directed toward them. Crime Prevention staff provided information on identifying crime, reporting techniques, tips on personal safety and maintaining the safety and security of the organization. Additionally, members were updated with appropriate crime alerts.

As in past years, Crime Prevention staff continued to support Neighborhood Watch, Park Watch and Business Watch groups. Each month we averaged 10 crime alerts which identified theft, personal safety and information on fraudulent money scams.

Corvallis Police Department appreciates the long and valuable relationship we have enjoyed with our community crime prevention partners. Although our Crime Prevention staff is no longer fund-



*Cadet Raymond Funke & McGruff*

ed effective July 1, 2002, we hope these successful and vital programs can maintain momentum with the help of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to help coordinate Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, First Watch, Park Watch, Citizen Police Academy, Child Safety Seat Inspections, Block Homes and community event displays please call Captain Bob Deutsch at (541) 766-6786.

Crime Prevention information and brochures will still be available at the Police Department upon request and on our website at [www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cpd/](http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cpd/).

## Identity Theft — Protect Yourself

**I**dentify theft is the fastest growing crime in America affecting half a million new victims each year. Some things you can do to minimize the risk are:

- Limit the amount of personal identification you carry
- Never carry your social security card
- Choose a number other than your social security number as an identifier
- Tear or shred anything with your credit card number on it
- Keep items with personal information in a safe place
- Order a copy of your credit report once a year

- Follow-up with creditors if bills don't arrive on time.
- Do not put your credit card number on the Internet unless it is encrypted on a secure site.

For more prevention information check our website at [www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cpd/](http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cpd/). Don't be a victim of identity theft - take the time to protect yourself, your name and your credit.

**Quiz  
Question**

*What should an officer give you at the end of a stop?*

answer: a business card

## Volunteers — We Couldn't do it Without Them!

**V**olunteers make all the difference— every citizen benefits from the dedicated people who donate their time and energy to help keep Corvallis safe and livable for everyone. Our volunteers include members of our "Watch" Programs (Neighborhood

Watch, Park Watch, First Watch and Business Watch), Block Home participants, Disabled Parking Patrol, office volunteers, interns, Cadets and the Community Policing Forum. Last year, our volunteers (not counting Watch programs) volunteered over 5,800 hours and helped with every job imaginable from filing to inspecting patrol vehicles and ensuring they are adequately stocked with supplies. Volunteers also helped create informational brochures, entered used merchandise dealer slips into our computer database, coordinated community events and assisted with the return of found property. Members of the various Watch groups provided strong networks to disseminate important information that helped keep our neighborhoods more secure, our parks safe and business owners informed about fraudulent activities. Thank you for helping us protect and serve the City of Corvallis!



*Volunteer Dan Rothwell*

## Operation Identification

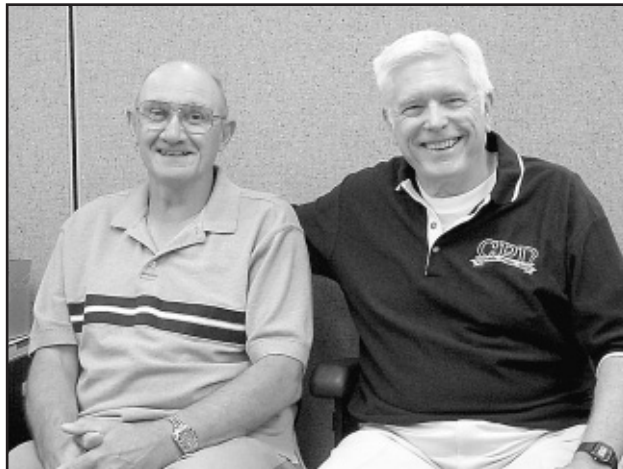
**D**id you know Corvallis Police Department loans out electric engravers? Engraving personal property with an identification number, like your Oregon Drivers License (ODL), can greatly increase the chance of it being returned to you if it is recovered by the police. Items you should engrave for identification include: TVs, VCRs, CD players, DVD players, stereos, computers, cameras, tools, bikes and anything that is portable and easy to steal. Also, be sure to maintain a list of all your household items (with serial numbers noted) and photograph or videotape any items you cannot engrave. To reserve and pick-up an engraver please call (541) 766-6924.



## REVIVE

**C**itizen volunteers Alan Robinson and Tom Thompson have been instrumental in the success of the REVIVE Program (Re-Visiting Information with Volunteer Effort). REVIVE cases are property crimes where an officer would typically not re-contact the victims after the initial report was filed. With REVIVE, victims receive a follow-up call so they can provide additional information such as serial numbers or stolen items that were not in the original report. Often, a case should be closed because the victim discovers the property was not actually stolen at all. In the past year, Alan and Tom have worked on over 175 cases and provided additional information on identity theft to many victims as a pre-

ventative measure. Volunteers like Alan and Tom really do make a difference in helping to keep the lines of communications open with our citizens. If you would like to find out more about how you can make a difference by volunteering for the REVIVE program, please call Captain Bob Deutsch at (541) 766-6786.



*REVIVE Volunteers Tom Thompson and Alan Robinson*

## Join the Police Auxiliary

**D**o you want to get involved? Consider volunteering for the new Corvallis Police Department Auxiliary. This is your opportunity to provide direct support for community policing activities such as safety and crime prevention presentations, traffic control for community events, administering the Citizen Police Academy, managing Neighborhood and Business Watch programs, disseminating Crime Alerts, Disabled Parking Enforcement, fleet maintenance, and some clerical duties. We are looking for volunteers who are US citizens, at least 18 years of age and never have been convicted of a crime. For more information about how you can become involved in the Auxiliary Police program, please call Captain Bob Deutsch at (541) 766-6786.



## Spotlight on Animal Control

**W**ho do you call when you have an animal related question or concern? Animal Control Officer Richard Wendland is an excellent source of information and assistance and has nearly 12 years of experience in a variety of enforcement and animal related services. During the past year Richard was instrumental in working on noise mitigation issues between Heartland Humane Society and neighbors following Heartland's relocation to their new facility in south Corvallis. He also participated in Heartland's "Camp Catnip", a week long summer day camp for 4th,



Animal Control Officer Richard Wendland

5th and 6th graders, and worked with the the City Council Human Services Committee to address dog and cat related issues in Corvallis. Additionally, he responded to over 400 calls for service which included:

- animal care and safety presentations
- dog training information
- cruelty investigations
- animal noise problems
- animal bite investigations
- sick and injured animal rescue
- dangerous animal control
- impounding dogs at large

For information about the Animal Control program please call Richard Wendland at (541) 766-6924.

## Your Opinion Matters — 2001 Citizen Attitude Survey Results

### Demand for Service

Service	More/ Much More	Much More	More	The Same	Less	Much Less	Don't Know
Juvenile Crime Prevention	49.9%	11.8%	38.1%	36.2%	1.9%	1.3%	10.7%
Drug Enforcement	38.4%	11.5%	26.9%	39.5%	5.2%	3.9%	13.0%
Police Patrols	34.0%	6.4%	27.6%	48.8%	6.5%	4.6%	6.1%
Neighborhood Traffic Enforcement	33.7%	10.3%	23.4%	44.3%	10.8%	5.9%	5.3%
Criminal Investigation	30.9%	8.2%	22.7%	50.2%	1.2%	0.4%	17.3%
Crime Prevention & Home Security	30.7%	5.6%	25.1%	57.2%	2.4%	0.4%	9.3%
Bicycle Law Enforcement	26.8%	8.8%	18.0%	45.3%	11.6%	8.1%	8.2%
Animal Control	16.6%	5.8%	10.8%	63.2%	6.9%	1.7%	11.6%

A complete copy of the Citizen Attitude Survey is available for review at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, at the City Manager's Office in City Hall, and on the City's website: [www.ci.corvallis.or.us](http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us).

**C**itizen input is an important factor when it comes time to make decisions about City resources. The City seeks input from citizens in a variety of ways including community meetings, advisory boards, commissions and through the Citizen Attitude Survey. This information is used by departments to assess what programs are valued most by citizens and by City Council and the Budget Commission to help make decisions concerning the prioritization of services. This year the Citizen Attitude Survey was sent to 1,200 registered Corvallis voters. Respondents were asked questions about how they would like City government to address community needs

and to rate the quality of service they receive from the City.

Corvallis Police Department is proud to report that 78% of respondents reported the service they received from Police Protection/Crime Prevention was excellent/good and 90% reported the service they received from the Corvallis Regional 9-1-1 Center, operated by Corvallis Police Department, was excellent/good. The top three areas where more/much more service was requested were Juvenile Crime Prevention (49.9%), Drug Enforcement (38.4%) and Police Patrols (34.0%).

Results from the Citizen Attitude Survey appear in the table above.

## Corvallis Police Department

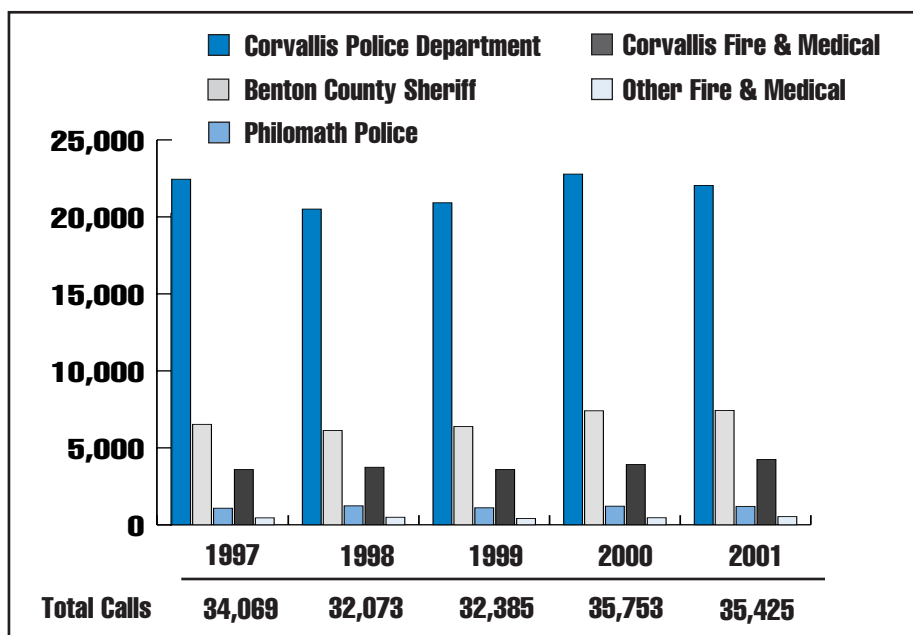
### Crime Comparison with State and National Benchmarks

2000 *Index	Crime/ 1000 Index	Crime Clearance	Violent Crime Clearance	Property Crime Clearance	Fatal/Injury Accidents /1000	Officers /1000
National	41	21%	48%	17%	11	2.40
Oregon	48	20%	47%	16%	7	1.80
Corvallis	43	21%	48%	18%	4	1.05

\*Index crimes are composed of selected offenses used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported. Offenses included are the violent crimes of murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault and the property crimes of burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson.



## 9-1-1 Calls for Service



## Fighting Computer Crime



Computer crimes are especially difficult to investigate because technology changes so rapidly. Using newly developed software, Detective Jon Keefer is able to use "CHARLIE" (Computer Hardware to Assist with the Recovery of Legally Incriminating Evidence) to make images of a computer's hard drive - a copy of the inner workings - then view the evidence without changing the physical properties of the hard drive.

Detective Keefer was recently certified as a Forensic Computer Examiner, one of only 27 in Oregon, and is able to investigate computer-related crimes of all types. Last year, Detective Keefer and CHARLIE spent over 492 hours examining computers, worked on 29 local cases and assisted the FBI in five computer seizures. Detective Keefer also serves as a resource for neighboring police agencies who use his expertise in computer forensic investigations.

### Quiz Question

*Police Officers spend what percent of their time investigating crime?*

- a. 20-30%
- b. 40-50%
- c. 50-60%
- d. 70-80%

ANSWER: a

## 2001 Citizen-Reported Incidents

In 2001, Corvallis police officers responded to 5,604 citizen-reported incidents. The following table depicts selected types of reported crimes. Crimes occurring on the Oregon State University Campus reported to the Oregon State Police and are not included here.

Offense Type	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Aggravated Assault	46	43	60	43	41	44
Arson	29	18	17	42	24	14
Burglary, Commercial	117	174	99	79	150	122
Burglary, Residential	197	270	237	264	265	293
Disorderly Conduct*	522	73	58	107	72	90
Drug Offenses	153	176	172	162	112	134
DUII	73	123	171	152	150	205
Forgery/Fraud	521	527	359	533	503	334
Juvenile Curfew	7	2	10	16	17	60
Larceny	1,752	1,719	1,763	1,757	2,175	2,020
Liquor Law Offenses	369	360	428	440	318	405
Motor Vehicle Theft	82	69	76	90	120	103
Murder/Manslaughter	2	1	1	0	0	2
Offenses Against the Family	39	29	19	13	36	127
Other Assault	474	337	331	354	320	311
Rape	10	15	13	13	19	17
Robbery/Armed	12	18	22	25	17	22
Runaway Juvenile	109	105	87	100	137	157
Sex Offenses	79	85	88	64	102	91
Trespass/Prowler	333	285	200	325	266	229
Vandalism	655	720	677	755	827	751
Weapon Law Offenses	23	30	38	62	75	60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,604</b>	<b>5,179</b>	<b>4,926</b>	<b>5,396</b>	<b>5,746</b>	<b>5,591</b>

\* In 2001 Disorderly Conduct includes Special Response Notices which were not previously reported.

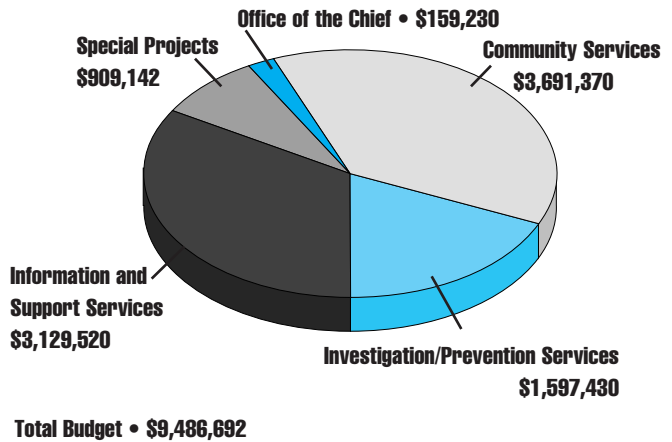
# New Public Reception Hours

**A**s of July 1, 2002, public reception hours of the Corvallis Police Department have changed. Telephone reception, non-emergency report taking, property pick-up, copies of case reports and general information will be available Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For an emergency that requires immediate police assistance, please call 9-1-1. These revised public reception hours were necessary to enable the Records Unit to manage its most critical workload despite the 20% staff reduction in July 2002.



Records Specialist Alice Derrickson

## FY 2001-02 Operating Budget



## FY 2001-02 Personnel Profile

Total Employees	92
Sworn Officers	60
Women/Minority Officers	25%
Bilingual Officers	9%
College Graduates	75%

### Quiz Question

What are the traits of a good Community Police Officer?

- a. street-level criminologist
- b. broad perspective
- c. satisfaction - helping people
- d. creativity
- e. all of the above

Answer: e

## Resource Directory

Police-Fire-Medical Emergencies Only	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	766-6911
General Information (T-F, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.)	766-6924
Office of the Chief	766-6925
Animal Control	766-6924
Detectives	766-6975
Ombudsperson	766-6772
Parking Enforcement	766-6924
Records (T-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)	766-6924
Volunteer/Intern Opportunities	766-6788
Internet E-mail address	<a href="mailto:police@ci.corvallis.or.us">police@ci.corvallis.or.us</a>
Internet Web Site Address	<a href="http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cpd">www.ci.corvallis.or.us/cpd</a>
Address	180 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330



*Corvallis Police Department is a Nationally Accredited agency that meets the highest standards for excellence in law enforcement.*

